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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

Supplemental to the response filed October 22, 2002, please further amend this application as follows:

Rewrite claim 1 as follows:

1 (Twice Amended). A sealing-enhancing coating for a gasket or a portion of a gasket, characterised in that the coating comprises flaky particles of chemically exfoliated vermiculite, at least 90% by weight of said particles having a thickness of no more than 30 microns, and no dimension greater than 1mm, the particles forming 10 to 90 wt% of the coating, the coating also comprising 50 to 10 wt% of an organic polymer binder which is heat resistant to at least 300°C, said coating being adhered to at least a resilient sealing bead portion of a metal gasket

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